

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

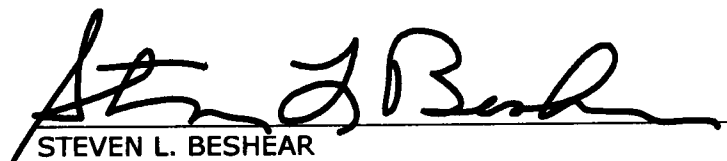
- WHEREAS, Chronic lung disease, known collectively as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), includes emphysema, chronic bronchitis and, in some cases, asthma and severe bronchiectasis and costs the United States an estimated \$31.9 billion a year; and
- WHEREAS, COPD is the third leading cause of death in the United States and is the only one among the top five causes of death which is not declining; and
- WHEREAS, Nearly nine percent of Kentucky residents over 18 and an estimated 24 million people in the United States suffer with some form of COPD which may be prompted by smoking, air pollution, genetic factors, a history of respiratory infections and other environmental factors; and
- WHEREAS, Increased public awareness, early detection and proper management and treatment can slow progression of COPD, lead to reduced costs and improve the quality of life of those impacted; and
- WHEREAS, The citizens of Kentucky deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive, be healthy and be informed and aware of their respiratory health and of the factors that affect that health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim November 2012, as

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky, and urge all citizens to help raise awareness about the prevalence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and the serious effects associated with the disease.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 22nd day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve and in the 221st year of the Commonwealth.


STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR


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